



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2013 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 31, 2013
Schedule 17**

PLEASE NOTE: February 1 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 4.
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 31, 2013

SB 479 **Senators Gladden and Forehand**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS – NOT
CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE**

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of criminal records if the person was found not criminally responsible under any State or local law that prohibits specified acts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CP, § 10-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 480 Senators Getty and Jennings**CRIMINAL LAW – DEATH PENALTY – MURDER ON SCHOOL OR CHILD CARE FACILITY PROPERTY**

Requiring a court or jury, in determining whether to impose a sentence of death, to consider as an aggravating circumstance whether the defendant committed the murder on the property of a private or public school, educational institution, or child care facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CR, § 2-303(g)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 481 Senator Manno, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – HOME GENERATORS**

Allowing an individual a credit against the State income tax in the amount of 50% of the expense of purchasing a home generator; providing that the credit may not exceed \$500; making the credit refundable; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, § 10-733 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 482 Senator Manno**INCOME TAX CREDIT – SECURITY CLEARANCES – EMPLOYER COSTS**

Increasing the amount an individual or corporation may claim as a credit against the State income tax for specified costs incurred to obtain federal security clearances and to construct or renovate specified sensitive compartmented information facilities in the State; increasing, from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000, the total amount of credits that the Department of Business and Economic Development may approve for any calendar year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, § 10-732(b) and (c)(2)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 483 Senator Manno**MARYLAND YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL – TERM LIMIT OF YOUTH MEMBERS – REPEAL**

Repealing the term limit for the youth members of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

SG, § 9-2701(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 484 Senator Dyson, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – OYSTER SHELL RECYCLING**

Allowing an individual or corporation a \$1 credit against the State income tax for each bushel of oyster shells recycled during the taxable year; providing that the credit may not exceed \$750 for a business or \$100 for an individual during a taxable year; requiring the Department of Natural Resources and the Comptroller jointly to adopt regulations to authorize businesses, landfills, and nonprofit organizations to verify the amount of oyster shells recycled by each individual or corporation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, § 10-724.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 485 Senator McFadden**VEHICLE LAWS – EXCISE TAX EXEMPTIONS – LEASED VEHICLES**

Exempting specified leased vehicles from the excise tax imposed on the issuance of a certificate of title.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

TR, § 13-810(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 486 Senator Brinkley, et al**SHORT-TERM RENTAL OF MOTORCYCLES – SALES AND USE TAX
AND MOTOR VEHICLE LAW**

Including motorcycles in the definition of “short-term vehicle rental” for purposes of determining the sales and use tax rate for short-term vehicle rentals; including motorcycles in the definition of “rental vehicle” for purposes of the Motor Vehicle Law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, § 11-104(c) and TR, §§ 11-148.1(a) and 13-939.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 487 Senator Raskin, et al**HUMAN RELATIONS – HOUSING DISCRIMINATION – SOURCE OF
INCOME**

Expanding the housing policy of the State regarding the provision of fair housing to include providing for fair housing regardless of source of income; prohibiting specified discriminatory acts based on a person’s source of income; establishing specified qualifications and limitations on the general prohibition against discrimination in housing based on source of income; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

SG, §§ 20-701, 20-702, 20-704, 20-705, 20-707, and 20-1103 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 488 Senator Raskin, et al**TANNING DEVICES – USE BY MINORS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting owners, employees, and operators of tanning facilities from allowing minors to use tanning devices.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HG, § 20-106 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 489 Senators Shank and Getty**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – SLAYER’S STATUTE (ANN SUE METZ LAW)**

Clarifying that a person who feloniously and intentionally kills, conspires to kill, or procures the killing of the decedent is disqualified from inheriting, taking, enjoying, receiving, or otherwise benefiting from the death, probate estate, or nonprobate property of the decedent, or from receiving a general or special power of appointment conferred by the will or trust of the decedent, or from serving as a personal representative, guardian, or trustee of a trust created by the decedent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

ET, § 11-112 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 490 Senator Shank, et al**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF AND ORDERS TO VACATE HOME**

Altering, for specified purposes relating to domestic violence, the definition of “person eligible for relief” to include an individual involved in a specified intimate relationship with the respondent and an individual who has had a sexual relationship with the respondent; expanding the instances in which a final protective order may order the respondent to vacate the home immediately and award temporary use and possession of the home to the person eligible for relief; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

FL, §§ 4-501(m) and 4-506(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 491 Senator Shank**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SUPERVISING AUTHORITY – SEX OFFENDER TRANSFER NOTIFICATIONS**

Requiring a specified supervising authority operating a facility having custody of or providing residential or nonresidential reentry services to a registered sex offender to provide notice of a transfer of the registrant to a facility in another county to the local law enforcement unit in the county of the new facility and the Division of Parole and Probation within a specified period.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CP, § 11-708(c)(3) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 492 Senator Pugh**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – AIDS INTERFAITH RESIDENTIAL SERVICES PROGRAM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of AIDS Interfaith Residential Services, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, and design of the AIDS Interfaith Residential Services office building, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 493 Senator Pugh**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – LEARN'IN TO LIVE AGAIN PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$105,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Learn'In to Live Again, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Learn'In to Live Again facility, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 494 Senator Pugh, et al**COMMISSION ON MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE – DUTIES**

Requiring the Commission on Maryland Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence to study how telemedicine can be used to reduce health care disparities and address primary care and specialty care provider shortages across the continuum of care.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

SG, § 9-2901 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 495 **Senator Pugh, et al****GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS – BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS
AS PRIVATE CITIZENS – NOTICE**

Authorizing a member of the General Assembly who is self-employed, a consultant to a business entity doing business in the State, or an independent contractor who contracts with a business entity doing business in the State to include in a business communication a specified statement; and defining the term “business communication”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

SG, § 2-109 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 496 **Senator Pugh, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – TELEMEDICINE**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance program to provide a specified reimbursement for services delivered by telemedicine except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HG, § 15-105.2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 497 **Senator Pugh, et al****EARLY VOTING CENTERS – LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS**

Requiring each county to establish one early voting center in each General Assembly legislative district in the county.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

EL, § 10-301.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 498 Senator Pugh, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION AND CREDIT –
CREATION OF A QUALIFYING BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for income related to the qualifying sale of a business enterprise that results in the creation of a specified business enterprise owned and controlled by specified individuals; allowing investors in specified business enterprises to claim a credit against the State income tax for specified investments; providing for the recapture of the subtraction modification and tax credit under specified circumstances; applying the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, §§ 10-205(l), 10-207(aa), and 10-733 - added and §§ 10-306(b) and 10-307(g) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 499 Senator Manno**VEHICLE LAWS – OBSTRUCTION OF DRIVER’S VIEW**

Altering an exception to, and the maximum penalty for a violation of, the prohibition against driving a vehicle with specified materials placed on the vehicle’s windshield or rear window.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

TR, §§ 21-1104(d) and 27-101(m) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 500 Senator Brinkley**ENVIRONMENT – ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS –
NITROGEN REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from requiring a person to install an on-site sewage disposal system that utilizes nitrogen removal technology to service specified new construction on specified property that is outside the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

EN, § 9-1108(b) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 501 Senator Conway**STATE BOARD OF NURSING – LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT – CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

Clarifying that specified applicants for license by endorsement are required to have a specified active unencumbered license; requiring specified applicants to submit specified applications to the State Board of Nursing and submit to specified criminal history records checks; authorizing the Board to waive specified clinical experience requirements under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HO, § 8-307 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 502 Senator Astle**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – JUDGMENTS – THIRD-PARTY TORTFEASORS**

Requiring a specified judgment obtained in favor of a Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipient to be increased by a specified amount under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to collect from a Program recipient the full amount of specified payments in specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HG, § 15-120 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Finance

SB 503 Senator Zirkin**FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE**

Providing that, for purposes of granting a limited or an absolute divorce, parties shall be considered to be living separate and apart without cohabitation even if the parties share living expenses and a residence, as long as the parties maintain separate bedrooms; and establishing that specified third party corroboration is not necessary under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

FL, §§ 7-102 and 7-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 504 Senator Zirkin**CRIMINAL LAW – THREAT AGAINST STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIAL – DEFINITIONS**

Making it a misdemeanor to knowingly and willfully make specified threats against a deputy State's Attorney or an assistant State's Attorney; and imposing penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CR, § 3-708 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 505 Senator Zirkin**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – BAIL BONDS – CASH BAIL**

Authorizing in circuit courts and in the District Court cash bail or cash bond to be posted by the defendant or by a specified private surety acting for the defendant under specified circumstances; requiring cash bail or cash bond to be posted by the defendant only, unless the order setting bail expressly provides otherwise, in cases involving a defendant's failure to pay support to specified individuals; and providing for the repeal of laws inconsistent with the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CP, §§ 5-203 and 5-205 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 506 Senator Shank, et al**WASHINGTON COUNTY – TECHNOLOGY-RELATED BUSINESSES – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENTS**

Authorizing the governing body of Washington County to enter into an agreement with the owner of a technology-related business for payment in lieu of the county personal property tax; requiring that a payment in lieu of taxes agreement include specified provisions; exempting personal property of a technology-related business from county personal property tax as specified in a payment in lieu of taxes agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

TP, § 7-509.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 507 Senator Shank, et al**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – INMATE PROGRAMS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY – PAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT**

Requiring an inmate participating in specified home detention, work release, or pretrial release programs in Washington County to be responsible for costs of child support.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CS, § 11-723 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 508 Senator Shank, et al**WASHINGTON COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to borrow not more than \$60,000,000 in order to finance the cost of the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Washington County and to effect that borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 509 Senator Middleton**COSMETIC SURGERY – REGULATION**

Requiring an office or a facility in which a cosmetic surgical procedure is performed to be licensed as a freestanding ambulatory care facility; authorizing the State Board of Physicians to take specified disciplinary action against a licensee who performs a cosmetic surgical procedure without being approved through the credentialing process or participating in the practitioner performance evaluation process of the office or facility in which the cosmetic surgical procedure is performed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HG, § 19-3B-01(b) and (c) and HO, §§ 14-101(d) and 14-404(a)(41) - amended and HG, § 19-3B-01(c) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 510 Senator Pinsky**INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – FULLY ONLINE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS – REGULATION**

Altering the type of institution that is required to register with the Maryland Higher Education Commission before enrolling Maryland students in fully online distance education programs; exempting institutions of higher education that participate in the Southern Regional Education Board's Electronic Campus from the requirement to register with the Commission; altering a specified refund policy and procedure; requiring the Commission to peruse specified federal databases and information sources to make determinations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

ED, Various Sections - amended and § 11-202.3 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 511 Calvert County Senators**CALVERT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – FINES**

Specifying the manner in which a specified fine shall be made payable in Calvert County; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners in Calvert County to issue a fine not exceeding a specified amount for violations of specified alcoholic beverages laws.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Art. 2B, § 16-502 - amended and § 16-507(f) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 512 Senator Montgomery, et al**HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – IDENTIFICATION BADGE**

Requiring a health care practitioner, when providing health care to a patient, to wear a badge or other form of identification displaying specified information; providing for a specified exception; requiring each health occupation board to adopt specified regulations; authorizing the regulations to provide exemptions or allow use of a first name; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HO, § 1-220 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 513 Senator Montgomery, et al**ENVIRONMENT – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTEWATER – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a person from storing, treating, discharging, or disposing of, in the State, wastewater resulting from hydraulic fracturing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

EN, § 9-293 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 514 Senator Montgomery, et al**NATURAL GAS – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

EN, § 14-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

SB 515 Senator Middleton**STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – JURISDICTION OVER DENTISTS WHO PREPARE AND DISPENSE DENTAL PRODUCTS AND ANTIBIOTICS**

Altering the jurisdiction of the State Board of Pharmacy to exclude licensed dentists who personally prepare and dispense specified prescription strength dental products and specified antibiotics to patients receiving dental care pro bono under specified circumstances; and requiring specified dentists to enter an appropriate record on a patient's chart under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HO, § 12-102 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 516 Senator Jones–Rodwell (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BALTIMORE CONVENTION FACILITY – OPERATING DEFICITS**

Altering the period during which the Maryland Stadium Authority and Baltimore City must contribute a specified amount to the annual operating deficits of the Baltimore Convention facility and extending to December 31, 2024, the date after which Baltimore City is solely responsible for all operating deficits and capital improvements for the Baltimore Convention facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

EC, § 10-640 (f) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 517 Senator Raskin**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – TAKOMA PARK SILVER SPRING SHARED USE COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Crossroads Community Food Network, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Takoma Park Silver Spring Shared Use Community Kitchen, located in Takoma Park; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 518 Senator Raskin, et al**ELECTIVE FRANCHISE – REGISTRATION AND VOTING AT POLLING PLACES**

Authorizing the General Assembly to provide by suitable enactment a process to allow a qualified voter to register and vote on election day at a specified polling place in a specified precinct or on a specified day before election day at a specified polling place; making a stylistic change; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. I, §§ 1 and 2 - amended and § 2A - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 519 Senator Raskin, et al**ELECTION LAW – REGISTRATION AND VOTING AT EARLY VOTING CENTERS**

Authorizing an individual to apply to register to vote at specified early voting centers on a day designated for voting before election day by completing a voter registration application and providing specified proof of residency; requiring that an individual who satisfies specified requirements for registration at an early voting center be allowed to vote a provisional ballot; requiring that provisional ballots cast under the Act be separated and held apart from other provisional ballots cast at an early voting center; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

EL, §§ 3-201, 3-302, 9-404, 9-405, 10-308, 10-310(a), and 11-303 - amended and §§ 3-204.2 and 10-310(a-1) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 520 Senator Montgomery, et al**AGRICULTURE – COMMERCIAL FEED AND DRINKING WATER – ANTIMICROBIAL DRUG PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from using, selling, or distributing commercial feed or drinking water intended for a specified use that contains specified antimicrobial drugs on or after October 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

AG, § 6-107.4 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 521 Senator Montgomery, et al**AGRICULTURE – MEAT AND POULTRY – ANTIBIOTIC USE – LABELING**

Requiring specified meat and poultry derived from animals that are raised, processed, and sold in the State to bear a label identifying each antibiotic that was fed or administered to the animal while being raised in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

AG, § 4-401 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 522 Senator Young**FREDERICK REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Establishing the Frederick Regional Higher Education Advisory Board; providing for the composition, appointment, and terms of the Board members; providing for a chair of the Board and the establishment of committees; prohibiting Board members from receiving compensation but entitling Board members to reimbursement for specified expenses; providing for the powers and duties of the Board; authorizing the Board to apply, accept, and expend specified gifts, appropriations, or grants; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

ED, §§ 24-1001 through 24-1004 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 523 Senator Young, et al**POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS – LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS –
POSTING ON WEB SITES**

Authorizing a county or municipality to satisfy a requirement to publish legal notices in a newspaper of general circulation by posting the notices on its Web site; requiring notices posted on a county or municipality Web site to be conspicuously displayed and be easily accessible; requiring a county or municipality that chooses to post notices on the Internet to publish specified advance notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality and to offer a specified mail service; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

Art. 24, § 1-113 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 524 Senator Colburn**WETLANDS AND RIPARIAN RIGHTS – LICENSES AND PERMITS FOR NONWATER-DEPENDENT PROJECTS ON STATE OR PRIVATE WETLANDS**

Altering the requirements for the issuance of a specified license, a specified permit, and a specified building permit for specified nonwater-dependent projects located on State wetlands or private wetlands; specifically authorizing the issuance of a specified license, a specified permit, and a specified building permit for specified renewable energy systems under specified circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works to establish a specified annual compensation rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

EN, §§ 16-101, 16-104, and 16-205 and NR, § 8-1808.4 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 525 Senators Colburn and Dyson**FISHING – SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT FUND**

Establishing the Sustainable Fisheries Enforcement Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; applying a \$10 surcharge to specified angler's licenses, commercial fishing licenses, and recreational fishing licenses; requiring that the surcharge be credited to the Sustainable Fisheries Enforcement Fund to finance specified enforcement activities of the Natural Resources Police; etc.

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2013

NR, § 1-211 - added and §§ 4-604(f), 4-701(e) and (p), and 4-745 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 526 Senators Colburn and Pipkin**COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES – REQUIRED LEGISLATION OR REGULATIONS – ADOPTION BY REFERENCE**

Authorizing a county or municipality to adopt specified State laws or regulations by reference under specified circumstances; requiring specified counties or municipalities to specify whether the county or municipality also adopts by reference specified amendments to the State law or regulation and to specify any exceptions if the State law or regulation authorizes local options; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

Art. 24, § 1-113 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 527 Senator Colburn**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – DORCHESTER COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE GROVE SENIOR HOUSING AND INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Delmarva Community Services, Inc. for the planning, design, and construction of the Chesapeake Grove Senior Housing and Intergenerational Center, located in Cambridge; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 528 Senator Colburn**BUSINESS REGULATION – SHARK FIN SOUP – PROHIBITION ON SALE OR CONSUMPTION**

Prohibiting a restaurant or grocery store from selling shark fin soup; prohibiting an individual from consuming shark fin soup; and establishing specified civil penalties for violations of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

BR, § 17-1605 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 529 Senator Ferguson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – LEADENHALL COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of Leadenhall Baptist Church, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Leadenhall Community Outreach Center, located in Baltimore City; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 530 Senator Ferguson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – PATTERSON PARK AUDUBON CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Audubon Maryland–DC, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Patterson Park Audubon Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 531 Senator Ferguson**CRIMINAL LAW – ACCESS TO FIREARMS – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from storing or leaving a loaded or unloaded firearm in a location where specified individuals could gain access to the firearm; and altering the penalty for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CR, § 4-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 532 Senators Ferguson and Ramirez**CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD’S ACCESS TO FIREARMS – PENALTY**

Altering the penalty for storing or leaving a loaded firearm in a location where the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised child would gain access to the firearm.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CR, § 4-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 533 Senator Jacobs, et al**HANDGUNS – SCHOOL EMPLOYEES – HANDGUN PERMITS AND CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Authorizing a county board to authorize school employees in the county board's school system to carry a handgun on school property under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of State Police to issue a handgun permit to a person who is otherwise qualified and who is a school employee in a school system in which the county board has authorized school employees to carry a handgun; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CR, § 4-102 and PS, § 5-306 - amended and ED, § 3-104(c) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 534 Senator Shank**FAMILY LAW – PREVENTING OR INTERFERING WITH REPORT OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT**

Prohibiting an individual from preventing or interfering with the making of a specified report of suspected child abuse or neglect; and making a violation of the Act a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

FL, § 5-705.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 535 Senator Shank, et al**WASHINGTON COUNTY – AMUSEMENT DEVICE – TIP JARS**

Altering the definition of “amusement device” as it relates to the operation and regulation of amusement devices in Washington County to include a game activated by an object or another consideration of value.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Art. 24, § 11-202 and CR, § 13-2435 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 536 **Senators Shank and Zirkin****DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – GRADUATED RESPONSES
– REPORT**

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2014, on the implementation of a system of graduated responses for children under the jurisdiction of the Department.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 537 **Senator Shank, et al****STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – ONLINE COURSES –
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a student to complete an online course to graduate from high school, beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2015–2016 school year; and requiring that specified online courses be approved by the State Department of Education or the local county board of education.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

ED, § 7-205.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 538 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al****PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

Establishing the policy of the State on public–private partnerships; authorizing a reporting agency to establish a public–private partnership and execute an agreement in connection with specified functions, services, or assets; requiring a reporting agency to adopt regulations and establish processes for the development, solicitation, evaluation, award, and delivery of public–private partnerships; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

SF, § 10A-101 - amended, § 10A-102 - repealed, and Various Sections - added and TR, § 4-406 - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 30, 2013**SB 427** **Senator Glassman, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – AGRICULTURAL LAND – DIMINUTION IN
VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for the diminution in value of specified agricultural land resulting from enactment of the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 and adoption of specified regulations related to nutrient management; providing for the determination of the amount of the credit; requiring an owner of agricultural land to provide specified information with the owner's tax return in order to claim the credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012.

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TG, § 10-733 - added

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